(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under the Ministry of Commerce has not reported shortage of refrigerated containers hampering export of seafood.

Shortage of facilities for storage of seafoods

2475. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of facilities such as ice and chill rooms for storage of seafoods and also fishing jetties' infrastructure is unhygienic; and

(b) if so, the action taken to create adequate facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) shortage of ice for storage of sea foods exist. There are also maintenance constraints and renovation requirements of fishing harbours. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, for augmentation of storage facilities, under its plan schemes, provides financial assistance for setting up of cold storages for non horticulture produce including fish/seafood @25% of project cost in general areas and @ 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) under Ministry of Commerce, also provides financial assistance for production of ice, chill rooms, upgradation of cold storage etc. through its financial assistance schemes.

Loss to sea-food industry

2476. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian sea food industry is annually losing Rs. 6000 crores due to poor logistics support;